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FOR POLAND (TREASURY FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL
LICENSE NUMBER B-88977)

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EXCON FOR COMMERCE

1. EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE JAN 22 WITH W. BERNARD
DILLON, MANAGING DIRECTOR, AND BRENDAN COYLE, MARKETING
MANAGER, DATA PRODUCTS CORE MEMORIES LTD., OF DUBLIN,
IRELAND. COYLE AND DILLON EXPLAINED THAT FIRST 120 FERRITE
CORE MEMORY STACKS WERE SHIPPED IN AUGUST 1971. OF
SECOND LOT OF 120, ONLY 81 STACKS WERE SHIPPED BEFORE
LICENSE WAS WITHDRAWN PENDING CLARIFICATION OF FUTURE
PRODUCTION OF K-202 COMPUTER.

2. COYLE AND DILLON THIS WEEK MET IN WARSAW WITH
OFFICIALS OF METRONEX FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISE, CONSIGNEE
FOR THESE SHIPMENTS. METRONEX REPORTEDLY INFORMED THEM
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THAT PRODUCTION OF THE K-202 WAS HALTED DUE TO SUPPLY

PROBLEMS WITH UK FIRMS PROVIDING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS, AND OTHER COMPONENTS. METRONEX STATED THAT POLAND FULLY INTENDED TO RESUME PRODUCTION OF THE K-202 AS SOON AS SUPPLY PROBLEMS WERE RESOLVED. COYLE AND DILLON ALSO SAID THAT METRONEX COULD NOT SUPPLY END-USE DATA SINCE THE COMPUTERS IN WHICH THE STACKS WILL BE USED HAVE NOT BEEN BUILT, AND THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF THE MACHINES IS NOT YET KNOWN.

3. COYLE AND DILLON PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH COPY OF LETTER DATED 1/22/74 TO DATA PRODUCTS FROM METRONEX STATING THAT 81 STACKS DELIVERED IN SECOND SHIPMENT ARE QUOTE IN STOCK AT ZAKLAD DOSWIADCZALNY MINIKOMPUTEROW IMM (MINICOMPUTER EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY, INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL MACHINES) END QUOTE IN WARSAW. LETTER FURTHER STATE QUOTE WE CONFIRM THAT THE ABOVE 81 STACKS AND THE FURHTER 39 STACKS YOU ARE WAITING TO SEND US WILL BE USED ONLY THE K-202 PROGRAM END QUOTE. METRONEX ASKS IN THE LETTER THAT 39 STACKS REMAINING IN SECOND SHIPMENT AND 120 STACKS COMPRISING THIRD SHIPMENT BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ACCORDING TO COYLE AND DILLON, K-202 COMPUTERS MANUFACTURED THUS FAR USE AN AVERAGE OF SIX STACKS EACH, INDICATING A TOTAL PRODUCTION OF ABOUT 20 MACHINES. DILLON COMMENTED THAT WITH SUCH A SMALL RUN, IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT PRODUCTION HAD NEVER BEGUN, NOT THAT IT HAS BEEN HALTED.

5. COYLE AND DILLON SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT POLISH EFFORTS IN MINICOMPUTER DESIGN ARE NOT DIRECTED TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A REPLACEMENT FOR THE K-202 BUT RATHER ARE INTENDED TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON WESTERN SUPPLIERS FOR K-202 PRODUCTION. INCORPORATION OF POLISH AND OTHER COMECON COMPONENTS INTO K-202 WOULD NOT ENHANCE CAPABILITIES OF THE MACHINE, THEY BELIEVED, AND MIGHT IN FACT REDUCE THEM. COYLE AND DILLON ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY HAD SPOKEN WITH PROF. KARPINSKI, CHIEF DESIGNER OF K-202, SINCE SEPARATED FROM K-202 PROJECT AND WORKING AT WARSAW TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY. KARPINSKI, THEY SAID, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS ALSO CONVINCED THAT PRODUCTION OF THE K-202 WOULD CONTINUE.

6. COYLE AND DILLON SAID THEY PLAN TO SUBMIT INFORMATION ABOVE TO TREASURY THROUGH USUAL CHANNELS.

7. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY INFORMATION WE MAY ACQUIRE FROM OTHER SOURCES WHICH MAY TEND TO SUPPORT OR REFUTE

CONTENTION THAT K-202 PRODUCTION WILL RESUME.

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